

Al-Qadhdhafi on U.S. 'Intervention' in Chad
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[Text] The brother leader of the revolution attended the graduation ceremony for the third and fourth classes of the Command and Staff College yesterday. Colonel (Mustafa al-Kharrubi) and a number of Armed Forces officers were also present on the occasion.

After the graduation ceremony and the supreme commander's decree granting the graduates their staff insignia and ranks were read, the brother leader of the revolution handed out graduation certificates to the newly graduated staff officers. The leader then congratulated the graduates and spoke to them about the grave situation in Chad resulting from the U.S.-French military intervention.

The leader said that the United States hopes to turn Chad into a military base, which it would use to consolidate its imperialistic presence in Africa and to threaten Libya and, subsequently, Sudan and the rest of the Arab world. France, the leader added, is also eager to consolidate its long-standing imperialistic presence in Africa, particularly in Chad. We do not countenance their presence. They are imperialists and criminals, because they have power.

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The leader expounded on the dimensions of imperialism's designs in the Arab world and the moral retreat of the Arabs. He stressed that the very existence of the Arabs will dry up, just as oil wells do. The vacuum in the Arab region invites highly technical industrialist and imperialist countries to rush into the region. The leader cited as examples Israel's practices in occupied Palestine and in Lebanon, the role of imperialism in southern Sudan, the threat to Libya's security and borders from the south, the threat posed to Arab coasts by NATO fleets, and the actions of Spanish imperialism in the Arab cities of Ceuta and Mellila.

The leader mentioned the U.S. insults to certain African countries, saying that the United States regards some African countries as French [as heard] property. At this juncture, the leader cited several reactionary African countries as examples.

The leader then said: We will not back off from the U.S.-French threats to Libya, Sudan, and Chad. He declared that the Chadian population must be rescued from extermination at the hands of the United States and France, the two countries that are engaged in direct military intervention in Chad and that are backing agent Habre. Thanks to this support, Habre has been able to advance into northern Chad, where the (Tabu) are threatened with extermination as a result.

The leader said that Habre's forces are waging war on the inhabitants of Wour, Zouar, and Bardai, to punish them for their loyalty to the legitimate government. France and the United States, he added, do not want the Chadians to live in peace. France, a country thousands of miles from Chad, and the United States, a country far across the ocean, are intervening in Chad militarily in search of cheap gains and regardless of the increased poverty and misery that they would create for the Chadians. However, these countries are incapable of prolonged confrontation with the Chadian people in a desert war.

The security of Libya and its southern borders are threatened by the situation in Chad. Thus, Libya will face this threat with all its might, the leader stressed.

In conclusion, the leader made reference to Arab obsequiousness, saying: We will rebuild the glory of the Arabs and Muslims and will restore this nation's dignity and pride.